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Car Smoking Nuisance.

The effort of the Tri-City Railway company to check the obvious determination of a certain portion of the public to disregard its prohibition against smoking on cars without vestibuled compartments will be applauded by the great majority of the patrons of the lines, particularly the women.

Possibly you have noticed a conductor politely telling a passenger who has come aboard with a lighted cigar or cigarette in his mouth, and who goes to a seat and takes an occasional puff to keep his smoker alive until he reaches his destination, that is committing a violation of the regulations of the company, and you may have observed that in most instances he has acted as if he did not hear the warning, and if he did he displayed an air of indifference that was anything but heartening to the employee of the corporation attempting to do a decent way to obtain respect for the rules that he is expected to enforce.

Also you may have seen men grow belligerent when it was suggested to them that their smoking in the car was distasteful to the other passengers and that they must subscribe to the laws of the company, and when they have been told that either they must quit smoking or leave the car they have dared the conductor to force them to alight. Of course such instances are rare, but when one does occur it further proves to the company that the longer that it continues to countenance the violations the more difficult it will become in finally suppressing them.

Thus co-operation of city and police officials is asked, and it should be given, in the interest of a public measure in which all of the people who patronize the street cars are interested.

The company has never tried to stop smoking on vestibuled cars, inasmuch as there are doors both at the front and rear ends of the cars that prevent the objectionable fumes from entering the main body of the cars. As all who ride on the cars know there are no vestibules on the pay-as-you-enter type, and a man standing in the rear with a lighted cigar in his mouth sends the compartment with an odor that is distasteful to most of the people in the seats. Most of the patrons have been educated to heed the rules against smoking, but there are many who remain to be converted, and it requires the co-operation of the police to accomplish that result it should be forthcoming.

Democratic England.

The British house of commons has decided to extend the municipal franchise to women on the same terms as they now have the parliamentary franchise. And the women of England are winning recognition without resorting to the tactics being used by their American sisters to the woe of discredit of the latter and to the great discouragement of the cause whose interest they imagine they are advancing by their foolish maneuverings in Washington, for which behavior a number of them are now serving prison sentences.

Bad News Breaks Through?

The Berlin newspapers have been forbidden to publish details of the rioting that took place in that city last Sunday, and hence we will be obliged to trust to such information as the royal censor condescends to let through to estimate the seriousness of the uprising and how far-reaching it may be in its ramifications; whether it is the preliminary spark that is to start a conflagration of national protest and force a revision of the imperial attitude towards termination of the war or whether it has been quenched under the royal heel and there is no more to be heard of it.

It may be that the German people are just beginning to hear that the Zepplin is a failure and that the submarine is no longer the terror to enemy shipping that it was when the kaiser promised that Great Britain, starved into submission through the loss of food ships, would be begging for peace by the first of August. It will be recalled that the Zepplin was to have served as the teammate of the submarine. While the latter was cutting off the food supply the Zepplin would be raining bombs upon the populace and sending a thrill of terrorization over the land that would readily destroy any remaining resistance to bending to the dictates of the Hun. It must be surprising to the noncombatants of Germany, to the ones who have been furnishing the money to prosecute the war, having subscribed already to their seventh loan, to be told at this late date that the two chief weapons of their nation have fallen down, and that now all that remains is the army in the field to carry through the program that it was confidently proclaimed would be completed a few months after the starting of hostilities three years ago.

If the people of Germany are hear-

ing these discouraging reports from the front it is no wonder that there are outbursts against the government and demands for an ending of the war while there is still left something upon which the empire can build for the future. Not that Germany is exhausted physically or financially, but the people are weary, and they want to quit and return to the peaceful pursuits in which they were engaged before the mad dream of world dominance inspired Prussianism in 1914.

Spy Warnings.

The increased restrictions that the government has put upon enemy aliens can be made doubly effective if every one, soldier and civilian alike, will heed the very simple warnings that have been posted in navy yards and military stations.

Because Von Bernstorff, Von Papen and others of their kind have left our shores by invitation, it does not follow that the German secret service has been entirely eradicated. On the contrary, we have plenty of proof that it is both existent and virile. Here is what the government cautions us against and what it is our duty to observe:

"Don't talk about what you have done or are going to do. The enemy has ears everywhere.

"Don't discuss naval affairs or the movement of ships, their cargoes or courses with strangers or foreigners.

"Don't trust any one you do not know. Enemy spies at home and abroad will try to draw you into arguments and entrap you into telling them about the movements of ships, their cargoes, the courses steered and the steps taken to defend our ships.

"Don't forget to report at once any person who tries to get information from you or any one else in your hearing.

"Don't forget that your want of care may help the enemy and lead to the loss of American ships and the deaths of their crews.

"Secrecy means safety."

It is not the purpose of the government or of the American people to be any more severe with enemy aliens than the circumstances demand, and by their conduct such aliens will themselves determine the extent to which the authorities shall go. But there must be an immediate discontinuance of exploitations and fires in ammunition plants, and a total absence of bombs on American transports and cargo vessels.

Loose Criticisms.

The habit certain well meaning American citizens have of heaping harsh criticism upon the allies whenever the war news is unfavorable, deserves rebuke. There has been a fresh outbreak of this unfriendly criticism as the result of conditions in Italy.

Why wasn't the army at Saloniki sent to Italy? Why didn't the allies in anticipation of the present German drive, send re-inforcements to the Italians sooner? Why didn't they do that and why didn't they do that? Such questions are asked too frequently.

Some of these criticisms are made by persons who were themselves more than pro-German for the first two years of the war, and who are now finding it hard to break the habit of knocking the allies, although these same allies are now our comrades in arms. But for persons at this distance from the war to criticize the course of our comrades, who have reasons for their actions of which we can know nothing, does not argue well for either their modesty or their loyalty.

Moreover, these same allies who are so freely criticized now, are the very soldiers who were fighting our battles for three years when we were doing nothing, not even preparing to do our part.

Recent disclosures prove clearly that Germany's plans for conquest surely included the United States and Canada as they did France and Belgium, and that the allies have stood between us and the common enemy.

Possibly, on second thought, our allies deserve praise for what they have done, rather than blame for failure to do more.

And it is quite possible, also, that in one respect, criticism, like charity, should begin at home.

The 40-cent hair cut and the 20-cent shave are reported to be on the way. No explanation is given, but it is assumed the raises will be justified by the war. The barbers could claim that so many of their patrons have been called to the colors that they are obliged to tilt the toll to meet the deficit in receipts. Fully as reasonable argument as others have offered in demanding excessive prices.

One of the Chicago papers reports that the first thing the head of the Chinese industrial commission did on reaching the Blackstone hotel in that city yesterday was to take a bath. After traveling through the smoke from the railroad station to the hotel probably he felt that he needed it and decided not to wait until Saturday night.

There is no way of knowing definitely, but it would be a safe guess that the United States is responsible for the device that is making it possible to more successfully combat the German submarine. But it's a secret that will keep. The fact that the subs are under control is enough to satisfy for the time being.

Kerensky won a lot of publicity and much admiration from the outside world by his picturesque utterances, saying he was ready to die in defense of his country, but you may have noticed that he crawled into his hole and pulled the hole in after him just as soon as he saw real danger to his person in the offing.

The suggestion is made that members of families contributing men to the army or navy wear small service flags. The idea is pretty, but wouldn't it make a splendid camouflage for those spies who are warned against?

The home of a citizen of Elliott, Iowa, who refused to buy a Liberty bond, has been painted yellow by his neighbors. Here is a tip to the citizens of other communities where such slanders are to be found.

Colonel Roosevelt's reference to "bush league methods" in the war department brings up the unpleasant fact he is permanently retired to the minors himself.

CHORDS AND DISCORDS

VANGIE TALKS TO FATHER.

You would be terribly hurt if I grew to be such a Home drudge that I no longer held my place.

Beside the girls of my set who shine socially.

Now wouldn't you, pop, you old dear? Of course you would, and you would then be sorry.

That you frowned when I told you of all the things I

Would have to have in order to hold my end up. I don't

Mean to be extravagant. Not at all. You know

That I am not. Why, I was figuring the other day how

Economical I had been since the war came and

The family living expense had gone skyward, and I was

Almost ashamed of myself when I saw how my girl

Friends had been spending money. It's outrageous the

Way some of them run bills, and I just know that not all of them are doing so with the

Willing assent of their fathers, because the latter, most

Of them, haven't as much money as you have, dad. But

They are indulgent fathers, and their daughters take

Advantage of them. I have never done that with

You, and I'm not going to start doing so now. For it would

Just break my heart if I thought I had done something that

You didn't approve, you have always been so kind to me.

Oh, if all the girls only had a father like mine, how happy

They would be. I know some of them are constantly

Scolded by their fathers when there is

The slightest reason for it. Why last week Alice

Took a coat priced at \$85 instead of a \$150 garment.

The one she really wanted and should have had.

And her father ripped off a section of the beautiful curtain

That hangs between their living room and the library.

He was that mad. So you see, dad, it doesn't always pay

For a girl to embarrass herself among her friends trying to

Humor the head of the household.

Next Thursday I am to

Deliver a paper on ancient China at our Old World club and

I am expected to dress the part. It will be a knockout, dear.

If I can scare up the materials that will be required to prepare

The proper costume. It must be mostly of silk, and I have

Been told that there is only one of our stores at which I can

Secure the stuff I'll need. It's very expensive, but I know you

Don't care on that score. What you want is that I shall do my

Part creditably. It would be awful if I should appear before the

Club in an ordinary party dress. Of course you don't

Understand these little details. They don't interest you. But

How the members of our club keep their eyes and ears open

For the slightest error on the part of a speaker. It's to be

My debut as an entertainer before the club, and I am

Ambitious to make a hit. You wouldn't have me blunder

For the world, would you, father?

Oh, the dreamy glances of

Of the China of a thousand years ago!

It's so inspiring. It's

Heavenish, and all that, but there is a weirdness about it all

That turns and appals at the same time. But its

Transference by word from the cold pages of a manuscript

Would be as flat and unimpassioned as concrete without the

Atmosphere. The atmosphere is to be had only in the costume

To depict truthfully that in vogue during the days of which

I am to discourse. No, I do not exactly know what the cost

Of the material will be, father, but that should make no

Difference. What you are concerned chiefly over is

Whether your little girl would come through the ordeal, and

It will be one, successfully, or whether she will

Fail like Charlotte did a month ago when she floundered about

For an hour on Siberia without furs or skunk. Of course it is

A waste of time, but that was no excuse for neglecting to dress

Up the part. And Charlotte is so sweet, and earnest, and well

Informed, but she fell so short of expectations that I

Doubt that she will ever be invited to again present a paper.

The members of the club are on the tip-toe of expectancy

Awaiting my appearance. They know that I will make a splash.

It would be like me, with such a grand and generous father.

To foolle. Oh, yes, and you must have noticed how mother

And I have been cutting family expenses of late. Every time

I go to the grocer's I think of you, dad, and how hard you have

Been hit by those mean old things who are shooting up

Prices on every blessed thing that we need on our table.

We sent our soldier boys across to shoot up the Germans and those

Of us who remain at home are shot up by our home food

And fuel guards. And I hadn't told you about the milk.

We had been getting two quarts a day, I put my foot down and

Told mother that hereafter we would get along with one quart. Just

Figure how that saving will run into money in a year. And

The grocer tried to sell me two sacks of flour yesterday, and I

politely told him that all we would need was one sack.

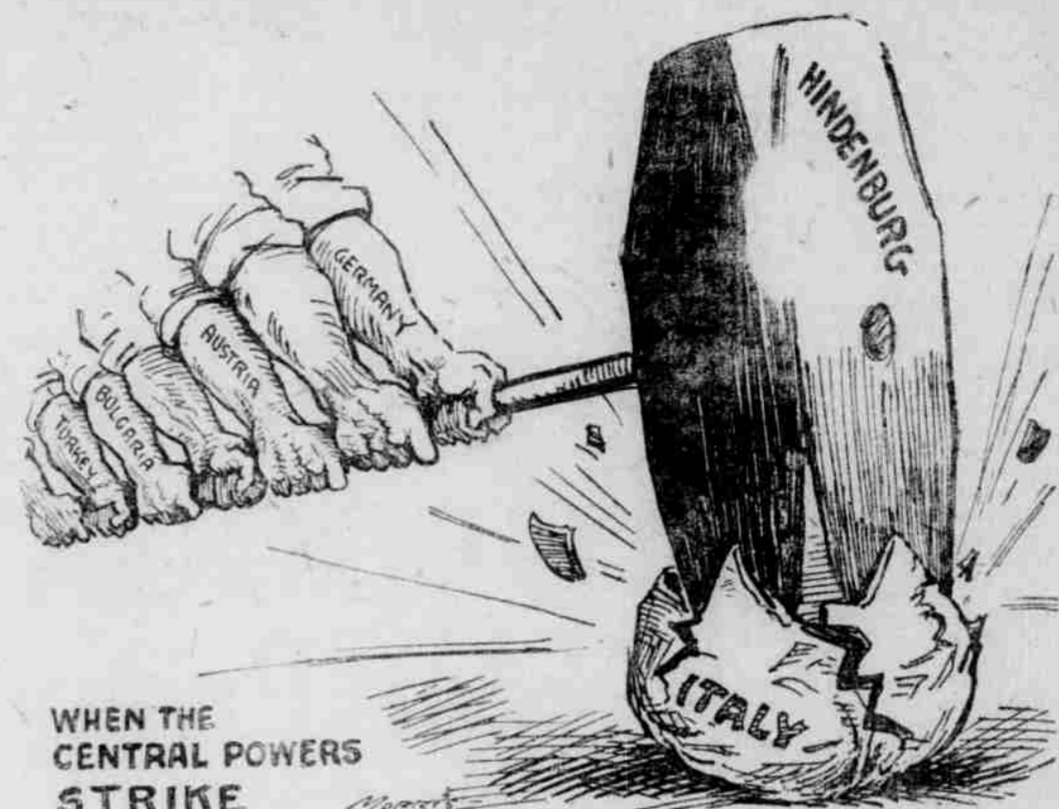
Just think of it, dad, saving a whole sack of flour. Just

Imagine what that will amount to in six months. And I

AN ARGUMENT FOR ALLIED LEADERSHIP



WHEN THE ALLIES STRIKE



WHEN THE CENTRAL POWERS STRIKE

The Day in Davenport

Is Seeking Damages.—Charging negligence on the part of the defendant company's employee, John Raitt, through his attorneys, Ely & Bush, has filed suit against the Mueller Lumber company for \$5,300 damages for injuries sustained on July 14 last, when a motor truck owned by the defendant collided with his auto in Rock Island. The plaintiff alleges that the driver of the truck, a man named Studebaker, failed to exercise proper caution and was careless. The petition charges the driver with using intoxicating liquor.

Wins Commission.—A dispatch from Washington, D. C., stated that Herbert J. Guenther of this city was yesterday commissioned first lieutenant in the dental reserve corps. Lieutenant Guenther is well known in this city and his many friends join in extending their congratulations.

War Tax \$1,500 Weekly.—Davenport's moving picture houses and its legitimate theatres are weekly turning over to the United States government an estimated \$1,500 in war taxes.

The downtown moving picture palaces do a very good business as well as the theatres. Picture houses charging 15 cents collect two cents war tax, while houses charging 5 and 10 cents collect one cent. The legitimate theatre tax is 10 per cent of the price of the seat. The approximate figures show that business is not disheartened because of the war and high cost of living. It also tends to show a patriotic spirit. The public is glad to pay the admission tax.

Marriage Licenses.—Melvin Mason, Long Grove, Iowa, and Irene Blohm, McCausland, Iowa; Earl Peters, Dallas City, Ill., and Ruth Meyer, Davenport; Wallace Henderson and Bernice Shipley, Bettendorf; Arthur C. Breiter and Lela G. Grill, Davenport.

Got Five Recruits.—Five recruits were secured for the United States army—four for the regular army and one for the Iowa national guard. These men enlisted: Sam V. Whitaker, Hillsboro, Iowa, Iowa national guard, One Hundred Twenty-third field artillery; Paul A. Varmer, Ottumwa, Iowa, regular army, aviation section, signal corps; Ray Garmoe, Salem, Iowa, regular army, infantry; Ralph W. Townsend, Salem, Iowa, regular army, field artillery; Floyd L. McConnell, New London, Iowa, regular army, infantry.

Bill Turned Down.—Because a man is sentenced to the state reformatory from Scott county is not sufficient proof, in the estimation of the county board, that the man is a legal resident of this county. This viewpoint was taken by the board in rejecting the claim filed by Jones county for \$40 for the care of Frank Ray, formerly an inmate of the reformatory at Anamosa and now confined in the insane ward at the Independence state hospital. Ray came to Davenport from Clinton county in 1911 and was arrested shortly afterward for robbing a jewelry store. He was convicted on Nov. 1, 1911, and sentenced to the state reformatory. The Scott county board held that Ray was a resident of Clinton county and any bills for his care should be filed with the Clinton board and not with the Scott county board.

Fifteen Join Navy.—Fifteen men joined the United States navy at Iowa stations during the past week, according to a statement from the local station, Chief Sullivan adding that the record is the worst since the United States declared war upon Germany. The Davenport station enlisted one man last week. It is believed recruiting will be stimulated shortly. Yesterday the following men were sent to Des Moines head station: Claude D. Ogil, apprentice seaman, Coal Valley, Ill.; V. J. Morehead, fireman, second class, Columbus, Ohio; P. H. Goodman, apprentice seaman, Thornburg, Iowa.

Obituary Record.—Mrs. Elissa Augusta Hedwig Herzberg died at her home, 313 Harris street, Monday night at 11:40 o'clock, following a lingering illness. She was 57 years of age. Decedent was born in Ploen, Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Jan. 21, 1860, where she was married in 1880 to John Herzberg. Her maiden name was Elissa Dose. The couple came to this country in 1885, settling in Clinton county, and in 1882 came to Davenport, where she had resided ever since.

After an illness of a few weeks, the death of Gerhard Neuenhaus, well known local building contractor, occurred Monday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, at his home, 2807 McClellan boulevard. He was 73 years of age. For 35 years Mr. Neuenhaus has been in the building contracting business and had erected many of the beautiful homes in Davenport. He was well known and owing to his high character he made many friends. He was a member of the Davenport Turners' Sick Relief society.

Clubs Are in Bad.—A number of so-called clubs conducted by fraternal orders in this city, where it is alleged intoxicating liquors are being served, are now under investigation by state secret service men. If sufficient evidence is obtainable, it is understood prosecutions will follow and some sensational revelations are promised.

Bootleggers Caught.—Charles Freeman and Ford Anderson, both of Muscatine, were arrested at Muscatine yesterday afternoon by United States Deputy Marshal Petersen, charged with transporting booze from a wet state into a dry one. At Anderson's home the authorities found 26 pints of beer. In Freeman's suitcase were found 25 bottles of the amber fluid. The grand jury indicted Freeman on a charge of bootlegging. It is alleged that the men transported the booze from Rock Island to Davenport.

Reed on War Path.—Everyone who transports quantities of booze from a wet state into a dry state will be promptly arrested, according to a statement given out by United States Marshal Nick Reed who "set at rest" rumors that a recent ruling by Attorney General Hays to the effect that people could bring booze into Iowa if it were for their own consumption, would curtail the activities of his men. Marshal Reed emphatically declared, "I am not taking orders from

The Daily Short Story

AN AMBULANCE DRIVER.

By F. A. Mitchell.

Jimmie Throckmorton, when the world's war broke out, was inspired by patriotism to be in it. The United States did not at first show any disposition to enter the fray, so Jimmie could not enlist in a fighting regiment. But he could drive an ambulance, and Americans who went over to assist the western allies usually joined an ambulance corps. This was the best Jimmie could do to make a soldier of himself without fighting under a foreign flag.

Well, Jimmie sailed for France and in due time found himself at the front. The only comfort he anticipated from driving an ambulance instead of fighting in the trenches was that he would be in less danger. But when he entered upon his duties he found that in war there is danger for every one.

One day while driving a load of wounded a shell burst near his ambulance and took away his right foot and ankle. When he recovered from his wound he was discharged and returned to his home in the United States.

Now Jimmie was entitled to the encomiums due heroism just as much as any other hero. He had a decoration, and he walked on a cork foot and ankle.

All heroes in war do not receive the same treatment, circumstances having a great deal to do with the matter. Time removes many of them from the public memory. Of the heroes of the war between the states only a few of the central figures are now household words. On the northern side, the names of Grant, Sherman and Sheridan are about all that are generally known. There never was a hero of that or any other war who died of disease. A man must be killed in battle to be a dead hero.

Jimmie Throckmorton was confident on returning to his home that he would be appreciated for the work he had done. He had gone to the war from a large city, and absence from a numerous throng is not noticeable. Jimmie was walking along a crowded street in citizen's dress after his return. He wore an overcoat that covered his amputation button and no one would have noticed that the leather over his right foot covered cork instead of flesh and blood. He met a friend and they stopped for a brief chat.

"Hello, Jim," said the friend. "Do you expect to be drafted?"

"They wouldn't take me; I've got a cork foot."

"What are you giving me?"

"True. I've been to the war and had my foot shot off."

Jimmie was in a trouble in convincing his friend of the truth of his statement. The man didn't know that Jim had been out of the city. Jim was working up some interest in himself as a soldier when he mentioned the fact that he had been an ambulance driver.

"Oh!" said his friend, "I thought you were a soldier," and passed on with a "So long. Anyway, you've escaped the draft."

Jimmie moved away, cognizant for the first time of the fact that the man who does his duty to his country should not look for a reward in the plaudits of those he fights for.

He received other reminders of this fact. One person, noticing his decoration button, asked him if it was the badge of the Sons of the Revolution. Another asked if it was the badge of a confederate camp. Finally Jim told inquirers that his grandfather had been a pirate and the badge was given his progenitor for long service under the skull and bones flag.

But all this was a bagatelle to what happened to Jimmie when he fell in love. He had suffered so acutely for having driven wounded men from the battlefield, both in the loss of limb and from a want of appreciation, that he never mentioned his military service to his enamored girl. She asked him why he didn't go to the war, and instead of telling her that he had been there, he said he had enlisted, but had been fired from the army because he was lame.

Jimmie got engaged in the spring and in the early summer followed his fiancée to Lake Park. Of course there was plenty of boating. Jimmie's girl was very fond of paddling. Nothing would do but they must go canoeing. The girl was a good swimmer, but Jim couldn't swim at all. In changing places they upset the canoe. The girl struck out beautifully, but on looking about for her lover saw only one foot floating on the surface. She swam for it and righted its owner. The cork was so much lighter than any part of his body that it stayed up while the rest of him went down. Holding his head above water, she supported him to the landing, which was close at hand.

This was the crown of ignominy for Jimmie's pride in his service to his country.

One evening Jim took his girl to a lecture on the war by one who was familiar with what was going on at the front. He had seen Jim at work there and dragged him up to the platform and told the audience what a hero he was. A speech was called for and Jim said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, if a man goes to war for any other than patriotic reasons, he is a fool."

It was a very short speech, but very much to the point.

Daily History Class

NOV. 21.

1595—Sir John Hawkins, British navigator who served against the Spanish armada and in Drake's expeditions, died; born 1520.

1894—Japanese captured Port Arthur and massacred Chinese defenders.

1914—Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria and king of Hungary, died; born 1830. Had reigned 68 years.